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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was usually steady entering the weekend. Demand improved in some areas and was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was improved and was moderate to at times good in areas where feature activity was a factor. Food service movement was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs.

EXTRA LARGE	42-52	43-49
LARGE	41-51	42-45
MEDIUM	22-32	24-27

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly		
LARGE	21-29	24
MEDIUM	6-11	9
SMALL	4-6	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending slightly lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady entering the weekend and continued to test at present levels. Demand gradually improved in some locations and ranged light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for normal schedules. Demand was noted as light to moderate. Spent hens were fully sufficient for a fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal to instances heavy.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-65	51-54
LARGE	44-58	49-53
MEDIUM	28-41	33-35

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings usually adequate for current needs. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
LARGE	48.5-57	50-53
MEDIUM	31.5-40	33-36

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for present requirements. Breaking stock supplies were usually sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were reported as generally normal. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal to at times heavy.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-68.25	50-53
LARGE	47-66.25	48-51
MEDIUM	30.5-39	31-35

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to yesterday's values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady. Demand was mostly moderate entering the weekend. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	56-60
LARGE	54-58
MEDIUM	38-42

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was slightly improved and was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49-57	51-53
LARGE	48-53	49-52
MEDIUM	31-38	32-34

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WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week throughout the region 1 cent lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings in fair balance.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week 1 cent lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium and small. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings, particularly local production, held more confidently. Small benchmark price 45. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 2 for \$3.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	101
EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	83
MEDIUM	65

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	74-90
EXTRA LARGE	72-80
LARGE	70-73
MEDIUM	52-55

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-239
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-205

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings usually adequate for current needs. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	23-26	23-24
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-15	12-14
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were 1 cent lower when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady as some bids were slightly lower. However, offerings were irregular, usually sufficient but not ample for trade needs. Demand was light to moderate. Processing for current week and next week were generally back to normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 01-Jan-2005 were 1% less than the previous week, but 14% more than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	23-28	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-17	12-15
EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 01-JAN-05 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,177,639	27,183	12,035	6,606	3,155	4,256
PW	1,111,846	25,821	11,231	6,266	2,524	3,941
LY	1,023,841	24,594	9,555	5,050	2,574	3,643
% CHG PW	6	5	7	5	25	8
% CHG LY	15	11	26	31	23	17
2004	64,354,489	1,531,122	619,452	335,442	138,108	221,903
2003	60,528,167	1,491,183	543,950	296,059	118,264	216,156
% CHG YTD	6	3	14	13	17	3

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.53	42.50	41.84
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.91	38.96	38.29

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 45 to 48 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg, barely steady for whites, and weak for yolk. Offerings were balanced for whole egg, adequate to fully adequate for whites and fully adequate to instances ample for yolk. Demand was reported as usually quiet and centered around regular commitments. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to last week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE		TFEWR		
WHITES	13	22-24.5	23.27	-1.85
YOLKS	6	46-49	47.92	-1.08

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were lower on sugar yolks and whole, and unchanged to lower on whites when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was weak on yolks, barely steady on whites and about steady to steady on whole. Supplies were balanced to adequate for trade needs. Demand was light to moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 01-Jan-2005 were 4% less than the previous week, but 4% more than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	35-42	35-38	42-46
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		59-75
WHITES	35-44	40-43	46-51
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-60	55-59	62-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-57	54-57	58-64
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 1 cent lower with sugared and salted yolk unchanged to 1 cent lower while whites were unchanged to 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg and whites and cautiously steady for frozen sugared and salted yolk. Demand was usually light to moderate. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate in most locations for all frozen products. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	36-40	36
WHITES	40-44	40-41
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-60	58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-57	55

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 2 cents lower on whole, 1 cent lower on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the holiday week ending 1/1 was 40% less than the previous week. Frozen demand light with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	41-44
WHITES	46-49
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	62-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on whole, unchanged on yolks and albumen, but unchanged to lower on blends when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to occasionally good. Supplies were reported as sufficient. Trade sentiment was barely steady on yolks, generally steady on whole, and steady to slightly improved on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Jan-2005 were 25% more than the previous week, and 23% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 17% higher than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.45-1.70	MOSTLY	1.48-1.55
YOLKS	1.35-1.50	MOSTLY	1.35-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.49-2.90	MOSTLY	2.65-2.80
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.29-1.70	MOSTLY	1.39-1.45

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC. 31, 2004-JAN. 06, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 93.00

FUTURE LOADS 65.00

TOTAL LOADS 158.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	27.00	—	26.00	28.25	—	26.00	5.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	62.00	—	—	3.00
GL W J	—	—	49.00	50.50	43.00	48.00	5.00
GL W XL	—	41.67	38.60	40.25	32.35	36.00	51.25
GL W LG	—	40.00	35.67	35.60	32.71	33.83	25.75
GL W MD	—	26.00	21.00	22.00	20.75	—	16.50
GL W SM	23.75	26.29	—	—	17.50	19.00	4.50
GL BR LG	—	62.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL BR MD	26.00	28.50	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	23.00	25.25	27.00	22.50	24.82	70.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	18.50	20.50	2.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	18.00	—	—	2.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	69.00	1.00
GL W J	43.00	—	—	—	—	56.00	3.00
GL W XL	35.00	40.20	—	—	42.00	43.75	20.75
GL W LG	37.00	37.14	—	43.60	—	42.52	22.25
GL W MD	—	27.77	26.00	27.00	—	31.00	12.25
NRBS - 48	21.50	24.25	—	—	—	—	5.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to moderate with offerings of spent hens fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Opinions on removal costs were steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST 4-9 6-8.5

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Diposal costs were too few to report. Interest for available flocks were only fair. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Salvage values were expected to remain constant. **RANGE MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged. Offerings adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST 0-5 4-5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	52.50	51.00	34.00
SOUTHEAST	51.50	49.50	33.00
MIDWEST	46.00	43.50	25.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	54.50	51.50	34.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	51.26	48.97	31.85

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate for both light and heavy canners with most available supplies of heavies being used internally. Offerings were generally adequate and clearing. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was generally steady. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
28-32 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
29-34 MAJORITY 30-34	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 25-DEC-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,102	1,175	2,277
Last Week	1,499	1,462	2,961
Same week yr ago	918	808	1,726
To-date/2004	69,513	69,222	138,735
To-date/2003	71,716	70,992	142,708

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	174	11	185
Last Week	292	0	292
Same week yr ago	88	7	95
To-date/2004	12,490	159	12,649
To-date/2003	10,864	155	11,019

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,276	1,186	2,462
Last Week	1,791	1,462	3,253
Same week yr ago	1,006	815	1,821
To-date/2004	82,003	69,381	151,384
To-date/2003	82,580	71,147	153,727

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade

For Week Ending December 25, 2004

Due to Canadian Holidays

This report is unavailable and will be updated on
January 10, 2005.**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 01-Jan-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	27.0	22.1	22	7
Boston	3.4	2.7	26	-17
Chicago	72.2	81.0	-11	8
Detroit	28.2	34.5	-18	-10
Kansas City	3.1	4.9	-37	-31
Los Angeles	93.7	91.4	3	-4
New Orleans	7.2	7.0	3	-25
New York	28.8	33.9	-15	-8
St. Louis	21.4	15.0	43	16
San Francisco	23.1	24.3	-5	-4
Total	308.1	316.8	-3	-1
4 Week Moving Avg.	307.8			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 01-Jan-05

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	239.8	-4	11
East North Central	620	5	18
West North Central	319.8	14	17
South Atlantic	220.7	1	2
South Central	74.4	3	6
West	189.1	-3	4
Total	1663.8	3	12

Matched Plants reporting

Previous week 86

Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	01/03/05	3,427	59,916	54,376
AM	12/01/04	3,806	66,595	60,214
CHG		-379	-6679	-5838
PCT CHG		-10%	-10%	-10%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2005 are:

FROZEN EGGS	16 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	265 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	694 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Jan 04, 2005

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	103	101	68	45
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	95-99	93-97	61-65	38-42
MOSTLY	97-98	95-96	63-64	40-41
RHODE ISLAND	103-106	101-104	68-71	45-48
MOSTLY	103	101	68	45
VERMONT	106-109	104-105	69-71	-
MOSTLY	106	104	71	-

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